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H. R. 4366

To amend the Small Business Act to establish a minority graduate mentor program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WYNN (for himself, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. FOGLIETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

A BILL

To amend the Small Business Act to establish a minority graduate mentor program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MINORITY GRADUATE MENTOR PROGRAM.**

4 The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is
5 amended—

6 (1) by redesignating section 28, as added by
7 section 2 of the Women's Business Development Act
8 of 1991 (105 Stat. 1589), as section 29;

9 (2) by redesignating section 30 as section 31;
10 and

1 (3) by inserting after section 29, as redesignated by paragraph (1), the following:

3 **“SEC. 30. MINORITY GRADUATE MENTOR PROGRAM.**

4 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator shall
5 issue regulations to establish a minority graduate mentor
6 program (hereinafter in this section referred to as the
7 ‘program’) in accordance with the requirements of this
8 section.

9 “(b) DESCRIPTION.—Under the program, a small
10 business concern that is a graduate of the small business
11 and capital ownership development program established by
12 section (7)(j)(10) (hereinafter in this section referred to
13 as a ‘graduate concern’) may serve as a mentor to 1 or
14 more small business concerns that are in the developmen-
15 tal stage of such small business and capital ownership de-
16 velopment program (hereinafter in this section referred to
17 as a ‘developmental stage concern’).

18 “(c) ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTRACTS.—Notwithstand-
19 ing any other provision of law, a graduate concern that
20 participates as a mentor in the program shall be eligible
21 to receive, during the period of such participation, any
22 contract awarded under section 8(a) if the graduate con-
23 cern agrees to subcontract not less than 20 percent and
24 not more than 49 percent of the value of the contract to
25 1 or more developmental stage concerns for which the

1 graduate concern has agreed to serve as a mentor under
2 the program.

3 “(d) REGULATIONS.—Regulations to be issued pursu-
4 ant to subsection (a) shall contain, at a minimum, the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(1) Application requirements for participation
7 by graduate concerns and developmental stage con-
8 cerns in the program.

9 “(2) Criteria to be used by the Administrator in
10 selecting graduate concerns for participation as men-
11 tors in the program, including standards for evaluat-
12 ing a graduate concern’s bonding, financing, and
13 line of credit.

14 “(3) Procedures for establishing partnerships
15 between graduate concerns and developmental stage
16 concerns under the program, including procedures
17 by which a graduate concern may initiate such a
18 partnership.

19 “(4) A description of the types of assistance
20 that a graduate concern will provide to a devel-
21 opmental stage concern under the program, includ-
22 ing the establishment of goals and regular assess-
23 ments of the achievement of such goals.

24 “(5) Monitoring methods to be used by the Ad-
25 ministrator to prevent abuse under the program, in-

1 cluding a requirement that all participants in the
2 program submit a financial capability statement to
3 the Administrator at least once every 2 years.

4 “(6) Procedures to permit a graduate concern
5 and a developmental stage concern to terminate
6 their partnership under the program upon the com-
7 pletion of a contract.”.

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